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# Topeka Seed House,

DOWN'S SEED & GRAIN COMPANY,

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.... WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ....

Garden, Field and Flower Seeds, Flowering Bulbs, Plants, Flower

Pots, Vases, Wire Stands, Garden Implements

and Insect Powder.

## Hardy Vines and Creepers.

### AMPELOPSIS, Veitchii.

Japan Ivy, or Boston Ivy. Foliage three-lobed, glossy, overlapping each other and forming a dense sheet of green. When once rooted it grows rapidly and climbs by its air roots like the English Ivy. In the fall it is a flame of crimson of all shades.

### BIGNONIA, Grandiflora.

Trumpet Flower. Leaves thick and shiny, and immense blossoms of gorgeous crimson and yellow color.

### AMPELOPSIS, Quinquifolia.

Virginia Creeper. Our well-known wood-bine. Strong grower.

### WISTERIA, Sinensis.

Chinese blue. Exceeding rapid grower and profuse bloomer. The flowers are of a pale blue color and are borne in pendulous racemes in May and June.

### WISTERIA, Sinensis Alba.

Chinese white. Very similar to the blue, except the flowers are white and remain somewhat longer in bloom.

### HONEYSUCKLES, Halleana.

Hall's Japan Evergreen. An almost evergreen honeysuckle of the greatest value, being entirely hardy, and of strong, vigorous growth. The flowers are exceedingly fragrant, of pure white changing to yellow, and are produced in profusion from May to December. One of the best.

### CLEMATIS, Flammula.

Virgin's Bower. Flowers in masses, small, white, and very fragrant. A very strong-growing vine, especially valuable for covering trellises or other objects.

### CLEMATIS, Paniculata.

New and rare. A native of Japan, quite hardy and one of the best. Very vigorous, growing 10 to 12 feet high, and will quickly cover a trellis with dense foliage. The flowers, which are white and sweet-scented, cover the vine from top to bottom in a mass of bloom, July and August.

### CLEMATIS, Alba Magnis.

Large white flowers.

### CLEMATIS, Davidianna.

Blue flowers. Blooms August and September.

### CLEMATIS, Jackmanii.

Large purple flowers.

### CLEMATIS, Alba.

Large white flowers.

### CLEMATIS, Graveolens.

Heavy scented, strong climber, fine foliage, blooms all summer. Flowers yellow, 1½ inches in diameter. Grows about 5 feet.

## Flowering Shrubs.

### EXOCHORDA, Grandiflora.

A large-growing bush with wide-branching habits, making a growth of 10 feet high, and is perfectly hardy. The flowers are pure white with delicate fragrance; closely related to the rose. Foliage is bright and stays on till late in the autumn.

### TREE PÆONY.

Hardy. Dark green foliage; very large flowers of gorgeous colors, varying from white to pink and crimson.

### AZALEAS, Mollis. Japanese.

Perfectly hardy. A new species, of low, broad growth with very large, showy blossoms of all shades of red, white, yellow and orange. Shrubs six years old.

### AZALEA, Arborescens.

A large, spreading azalea, growing 8 feet high, with handsome, dark green foliage, producing large white and rose tinted blossoms late in the summer when other azaleas are out of bloom. Hardy at 20 deg. below zero.

### HIBISCUS, Syriacus-Althea.

Blooms during the last half of the summer. Its great flowers are of the brightest colors, red, crimson, purple, pink, blue and white. Grow 5 to 6 feet.

### ELEAGNUS, Longipes.

An edible fruit-bearing ornamental shrub from Japan.

### HYDRANGEA, *Paniculata Grandiflora*.

Perfectly hardy. Large masses of white bloom. Bears bloom first season in August.

### HYDRANGEA, *Vestita*.

Blooms June 1st to December. Will grow 4 to 6 feet high.

### TREE HYDRANGEA.

Will grow 5 to 6 feet. Hardy.

### PAVIA, *Atrosanguinea*.

Low-growing Horse Chestnuts. Grow to 5 or 6 feet, with rich glossy foliage and spikes of showy flowers. In autumn the pretty nuts in their glossy cases make them a genius of shrub not surpassed for beauty of foliage, fruit or flowers. Second only to Rhodendron in beauty of display.

### ALTHEAS, or Rose of Sharon.

Are fine, free growing, flowering shrubs of the easiest cultivation. Very desirable on account of blooming in August and September, when but very few trees or shrubs are in bloom.

### BERBERRY, *Purple*.

A beautiful shrub, with violet purple foliage and clusters of fine red berries.

### CALYCANTHUS, *Sweet Scented Shrub*.

The wood is fragrant, foliage rich, flowers of rare chocolate color, having a peculiar, pleasant odor. They blossom in June and at intervals afterwards.

### DEUTZIA, *Gracilis*.

A handsome dwarf shrub from Japan. Flowers pure white and appear very early. In bloom by Decoration day.

### ROSA RUGOSA, or Japan Rose.

Of recent introduction from Japan. It has abundant, large, vigorous, handsome, dark green, glossy foliage of great richness and beauty—perfectly hardy and grows from 4 to 5 feet high. The flowers, which are produced freely all summer, are single and with five petals. The color is a rich rosy crimson, enhanced in beauty by the numerous stamens. The flowers are succeeded by large clusters of bright crimson, scarlet fruit, nearly two inches in diameter.

### SNOWBALL.

A popular shrub of large size, with large spherical clusters of snow white balls of blooms in June.

### WEIGELIA, *Rosea*.

An elegant shrub, with fine rose colored flowers of erect, compact growth; blossoms in June.

### PYRUS, *Parkmanii*.

One of the most ornamental flowering shrubs. Will grow 16 feet high and be as broad. Hardy and a free bloomer; flowers much like a Tea Rose, of a pink and carmine color.

### SYRINGIA, *Japonica*.

A Tree Lilac: A smooth, straight trunk, will grow 15 feet high.

### RHODENDRONS.

Broad leaved evergreen shrub. Bears large bunches of pink and white flowers during May or June. No other such shrub for foliage and flower effects exists as this shrub, and is absolutely hardy from Vermont to Georgia.

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## Roses.

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### EVERBLOOMING ROSES.

Meteor. Rich dark velvet crimson.  
Papa Gontier. Red tea.  
Perle Des Jardines. Double yellow.  
Mme. De Watteville. White and salmon.  
Souvenir d'un Ami. Double, rose and salmon.  
Catherine Mermet. Bright creamy pink.  
Marie Guillot. White and lemon.  
Bon Silene. Deep rose and carmine.  
Hermosa. Very fragrant pink.  
Niphetos. Pure white tea.  
La France. Double, silvery pink.  
Paul Neyron. Deep clear rose.  
Anna De Deisbach. Bright rose, large.  
Magna Charta. Bright red.  
Mad. Chas. Wood. Crimson.  
Marshal P. Wilder. Double, crimson red.  
Perle Des Blanches. Pure white.  
Henry Martin. Moss, pink.  
Madame Plantier. Pure white.  
Gen. Jacqueminot. Rich crimson.  
Red Malmaison. Deep carmine red.  
Duchess of Edinburg. Deep red.  
John Hopper. Bright rose.  
Gen. Washington. Crimson red.  
Gloria de Margotten. Red.  
American Beauty. Deep pink.

### HARDY CLIMBING ROSE.

Baltimore Belle. Pale blush, nearly white.  
Prairie Queen. Bright rosy red.  
Russell's Cottage. Double dark crimson.  
Seven Sisters. Crimson and white.  
Tennessee Belle. Rosy blush.  
Mary Washington. Pure white.

### MEMORIAL ROSE.

A trailing species of rapid growth, creeping on the earth like ivy. Single, pure white. Excellent for cemetery planting. Will adapt itself to any kind of soil, and will do well in either shade or sun. Nothing better for covering embankments, mounds or rockeries.

### SWEET BRIER.

Prized for the fragrance of its leaves and young branches. Perfectly hardy.

### TREE ROSE.

The tree roses are grafted on hardy rose stalks, 4 to 5 feet high, and when in full bloom are objects of great beauty.

## Summer Blooming Bulbs.

Caladium, or Elephant Ear.  
Tube Rose, Double Dwf. Pearl.  
Tube Rose, Silver Leaf.  
Gladiolus, all colors, choice large bulbs.  
Lillies, Candidum.  
Lillies, Auratum.  
Lillies, Tigridium, single.  
Lillies, Tigridium, double.  
Lillies, Lemon.  
Lillies, Blackberry.  
Lillies, Ishmene Calithenan, or Peruvian  
Daffodil.  
Lilly of the Valley.  
Dahlia.  
Canna, Tall.  
Canna, Dwarf French.  
Begonias, Tuberous Rooted.

## Berry Canes.

### BLACKBERRY.

Snyder. Taylor.

### RASPBERRY.

Hopkins. Gregg. Cuthbert, red.

### GRAPES.

Concords. Moore's Early. Brighton, red.  
Worden. Moore's Diamond, white. Wyoming. Proclington.

### GOOSEBERRIES.

Houghton. Downing.

### CURRENTS.

Red Dutch. White Grape.

### STRAWBERRIES.

Capt. Jack. Chas. Downing. Jas. Vick.  
Mitchell, and other varieties.

## Fruit Trees.

### APPLE.

2 year old, 5 to 6 ft., extra.  
2 year old, 4 to 5 ft., No. 1.  
2 year old, 4 to 5 ft., No. 2.

### PEAR.

2 year old, standard, 4 to 5 ft.  
2 year old, dwarf, 3 to 4 ft.

### CHERRY.

2 year old, 4 to 5 ft., No. 1.  
2 year old, 4 to 5 ft., No. 2.

### PLUM.

2 year old, 4 to 5 ft.

### PEACH.

3 year old, 4 to 5 ft.

### APRICOT.

2 year old, 4 to 5 ft.

## Pine Trees.

Scotch or Austrian Pine, 2 to 3 ft.  
Red Cedar.  
Juniper.  
Arbor Vitae.  
Arbor Vitae, Chinese.

## Forest Trees.

Catalpa, 10 ft.  
Soft Maple, 6 ft.  
Weeping Mt. Ash, 7 ft.  
Cut Leaf Weeping Birch, 7 ft.  
Poplar, 8 ft.

Catalpa Seedlings.  
Soft Maple.  
Russian Mulberry.  
Locust.